REPUBLICANS ARE FLOCKING IN GREAT FORCE

It Parkersburg for the Convention of the League of Clubs—Record-Breaking Meeting Assured.

PRESIDENCY OF THE LEAGUE

Will be Hotly Contested—Four Can-didates Striving for the Honor. Mayor Parkinson's Surprise.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST

Is Waxing Very Warm-Efforts Are Being Made to Relieve the Fight of Any Bitterness.

From a Staff Correspondent

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 7 .-To-night, on the eve of the meeting of the West Virginia League of Republican Clubs, the town is crowded with party workers from all parts of the state, and interest in the outcome of the contest for the presidency of the league is secondary only to discussion of the political situation in the state, espec-fally the gubernatorial contest. In fact, league politics is more or less obscured by the more important fight being waged by Messrs. White and Freer. Gubernatorial Contest.

Among the party leaders to-night a general desire is being evinced to prevent the contest for the gubernatorial

went the contest for the gubernatorial nomination from becoming too warm. It is realized that the state is Republican only on a narrow margin, and that nothing must be done within the party organization that will threaten Republican success next November.

For this very reason, the announcement made in Wednesday's Intelligences, that the Freer and White people in Ohlo county had agreed upon an equal division of the delegates to the state nominating convention, was received here this afternoon with almost general satisfaction. A number of Freer men expressed their satisfaction with the agreement, and it appeared that it would receive formal ratification at the hands of Messrs. White and Freer, with everybody satisfied.

Some Disagreement.

Some Disagreement Late this afternoon, however, General Curtin, one of Congressman Freer's principal supporters, expressed himself principal supporters, expressed himself against the Ohlo county agreement, and intimated it might not be remained and intimated it might not be remained by the supporters. Also declared himself against a division of the delegates. The matter has been submitted to Air. White, and he has acquienced. It will be submitted to Colonel Freer, upon his arrival from Washington, early in the morning and it remains to be seen what he will do. Most of his Ohlo county supporters are in favor of the division, and it is not thought he will antagonize his friends by interfering with what they deem to be for the best.

The league presidency is a difficult proposition to diagnose in advance of the actual balloting.

League Presidency.

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One of the shrewdest politicians in the state hazards the prediction that Barrett will lead on the first ballot, but Barrett will lead on the first ballot, but, at the same time, he admits that Mayor Parkinson, Moundaville, is strong, and may surprise the bunch by walking off with the plum. Mr. Vandervort's friends are confident he will defeat Barrett, and Mr. Robinson is making a most vigorous fight. Very little is heard of the other offices. The vice presidencies will likely go to disappointed aspirants for the presidency.

will likely so residency.

Mayor Parkinson's friends, at midnight, say that his eleventh hour candiday' seems to have struck the popular
chord. They claim the First concressional district practically solid for their
man, and have promises of support from
other parts of the state. They believe
Paricinson will start off with a good Parkinson will start off with a good following, and will increase his strength with each succeeding ballot. The more ballots the greater his strength is the way the Marshall county crowd see it to-night. ator Thurston left Washington to

Senator Thurston left Washington tomight and will arrive here at noon
Thursday. It is now said Senator Elking will not be able to come. Senator
Scott is expected to-night, as are Congressanes Dovener and Dayton.
Aside from the gubernatorial contest,
congressional politics is generally discussed, especially the Fourth district,
where State Senator James A. Hughes,
of Huntington, and State Treasurer M.
A. Kendall, of Parkersburg, are the anhouseed candidates.

Congressional Politics.

Both are here, and making all kinds of political hay at each other's expense. Hughes says the Fourth district has been represented by small men long enough. Miller and Freer are both of short stature, and Kendall is decidedly in the same boat, while Hughes is a six-footer. Grant Pliser, of Martinsburg, is here, and says the launching of his berned dis-

is here, and says the launching of his congressional boom in the Second district has been attended with most satisfactory encouragement. His opponent, Congressman Dayton, will be here late to-night. Not much is heard of First and Third district politics.

Circuit Jadge Ed. S. Doolittle of Huntlagton, who came in this afternoon, announces his intention to enter himself among the aspirants for the vacancy on the state supreme bench. He will have the support of Cabell and other counties in the Sixth judicial district.

The Auditorship.

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Parlor H, at the Jackson botel, has been secured by Mr. James K. Hall, and here he is entertaining many friends to night. His candidacy for auditor is gaining strength rapidly, and he is con-teded dangerous by the other aspirants. The three lenders in the race for audi-tor are said to be Hall, Scherr, and La-rollette.

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There is some talk to-night of a compromize, but it has not net with favor. It is generally conceded to be unfair to even suggest such a course to either of the candidates, all of whom have put up a vigorous campaign, and the success that will come to one is surely deserved.

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feobarger, of Point Floamant, Semato H. C. Woodyard, of Roams country M. H. Willes, of West Union; W. H. Mor nish and C. O. Rasmar, of Wreeling Davis Elikins, of Elikins; Stutta Senato Stark L. Hakes, of Rayerty, Senato Anthony Smith and Country Clerk V. I. Highland, of Clarkaburg, R. M. A.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

Promises to be the Most Largely Attended in the History of the Organ-ization—A New Candidate for the Presidency Suddenly Springs Up. The Meeting Attracts All the Pro inent Leaders of the State.

From a Staff Correspondent.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 7.—
Already, eighteen hours before the assembling of the meeting of the West Virginia League of Republican Clubs, Parkersburg is ovarflowing with visi-tors, and the town will have to strain tors, and the town will have to strain several points to comfortably take care of the Republican hosts of the Hepublican hosts of the Hepublican hosts of the Tettle Mountain State. The two leading hotels, the Juckson and Hiemenhausett, are "full-up" now, and the rush has only begun. For the nones the star of the ever-present communical man is dimmed, and he finds it difficult to push his way through the crowds of politicians that fill the hotel lobbies, and throng the street corrers—and as for doing business, that is among the impossibilities posting is tailed of but politics, business has been stdetracked until normal conditions are restored on Friday.

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Of course the presidency of the league forms the principal topic of conversation. The other offices are little talked of, in fact are almost satirely lost sight of in the warm contest being wared for the presidency. As exclusively chronicised in Wednesday's Intelligencer, Mr. W. B. Mathews, of Marshall country, withdraw from the race. This left three aspirants is the field, Mesurs, T. F. Barrett and J. W. Vandervort, of Parkersburg, and Mr. Ira E. Robinson, of Graffon, prosecuting attorney of Taylor country.

New Bichmond in the Field.

New Richmond in the Field. Just when the trio were congratula-ting themselves that the contest had narrowed down to proportions that would enable them to form an intelli-gent estimate on the outcome, the near was circulated that another candidate

gent estimate on the outcome, the nawa was circulated that another candidnic had entered the race for the presidency in the person of Mayor J. C. Parkinson, of Moundarills.

Mr. Parkinson was putting in some strong licks this afternoon, and he had the following the some strong licks this afternoon, and he had the following to his changard the great part of the vote of the First congressional district, and has expectations of support from other estitions of the suite. He was working on the advance guard of the Oho county delagation this evening, and met with encouragement. As one prominent member of the delgation expressed it. "I think we should support any candidate for the presidency who comes from our section, and Mr. Parkinson is undoubtedly a man well fitted for the office, both from the view-points of experience and natural ability. I believe he would make an ideal presiding officer, and I know he would devote his energies toward making the league a power in the coming campaign."

campaign. There are indications that Messra. Robinson and Parkinson may throw their combined strength to one or the other, the selection to be made upon the showing of strength each is able to make

make Wood County's Aspirants.

Here in Wood county, Messrs, Van dervort and Barrett are waging a warm contest, but no bad blood is in evidence —the fight is a good matured one, and if one of the pair wins his defeated oppo-ment from Wood will be among the first to extend congratulations.

The fight in Wood for the league pres-idency has been responsible for the or-

The fight in Wood for the league presidency has been responsible for the organisation of an unprecedented number of Republican clubs, apparently only for the purpose of securing Vandervort or Barrett votes in to-morrow's meeting, but the supporters of both men say all the club organizations are legitimate, and that every one of them will be in evidench in the coming campaign. If this is true, the political parades in Parkersburg next fall ought to be record breakers in point of numbers. No less than forty clubs have been organized in the county, and every one of the bunch will be represented by full descations to-morrow.

Mr. Vandervort's friends assert he will lead on the first ballot to-morrow afternoon. He will, they daim, have a large majority of the votes of Wood county to begin with, and a number of the interior counties, where the Vandervort family is numerous and known for its strong Republican tenets.

Dr. W. E. Statherts, superintendent of the Weston anylum, who came in this afternoon, says Vandervort will have the following interior counties solid: Lewis, Braxton, Upshur, Webster, Nicholas and Gilmer. In addition to these, of course, the Vandervort people claim many other votes.

Mr. Barrett is equally confident, and says only a few of the Wood county delegates will be for Vandervort, Barrett has powerful influences at work in his behalf, and may show strength that will surprise even his most ardent admirers and supporters.

Hy the way, speaking of Dr. Stathers, he informed the Intelligencer this afternoon, that he had it from the editor of the Graton Sentinel so late as this morning, that Taylor county (the home of Auditor Lafollette) would chose a delegation to the state nominating convention that will be solidly for Arnold Scherr, of Mineral, for state auditor. This is on the face of a surprising statement, but it is claimed that the facts warrant it. It is given now for what it is worth-and, for course, its worth a matter of conjecture.

A Record-Bresking Convention.

It is estimated there will be between 1,200 and 1,500 bons fide delegates and alternates in attendance at to-morrow's convention. This would be a record breaker in attendance, no former meeting of the league approaching so many delegates. Of these Ohio county alone will furnish between skety and 169, and the Parker burg and Wood county delegates and alternates will number fully does no these two counties will furnish fully one-third of the meeting's attenties. alternates in attendance at to-morrow'

shall: Arnold C. Schere, of Mineral; P. Ad. Hall, Dr. W. E. Stathers, Daout; Bheriff Goodwin, of Lewis: Fransculing Attorney Ira E. Robinson, of Taylor; States Senator James A. Hughes, I. M. Campbell, Elliott Northcott, D. E. Hughes and others from Cabell county; B. R. Haven, of Marshall State Sonator J. M. Hensier, of Marion; State Showalter, of Marion; John H. McCoy and sx. Clicuit Jodgs T. P. Jacoba, of Tyler; Thomas E. Daviss, of Taylor; Chemister H. M. Adams and Elliott Northcott, Huntington; State Superintendent of Schools J. A. Trotter; Postmassier O. A. Petity, Grant Hall and Captain Avis, of Charleston, and albert too numerous to mention

Narrow Escape From Wreck The Ohio county delegation's advance guard arrived at 1 o'clock this after The Onlo county assegnment avaisation, and an route their train, the "Ohlo Valley Express." on the Ohle River-railroad, had a nearow escape from being wrecked a short distance below it. Mary's. The value had caused a heavy silds of earth and rock at a spot where the hill side risks shier at one side of the track while the Ohlo flows just to the right. Fortunately, a track salker discovered the silds just in time to flag the train, which was a stopped only a few feet from the obstruction, which was a two-ton rock that would have sent signe and train plunging into the yallow-hued and fast rising Ohlo. After a delay of half an hour the obstruction was removed and the train proceeded. In the Ohlo county designation advance guard that arrived on the noal train were Messus. James K. Hall, H. G. Richards, Richard Robertson, Charles H. Hennig, John E. Schellhase, H. L. Wheat, Harry W. McLure, M. A. Chew, O. H. Wattens, Jr., and S. O. Boyce, Joining the party at Moundsville were Prisco Warden Sun A. Hawk and Dr. S. M. Steele.

Postmaster George Work greeted, the

Prison Warden Sam A. Hawk and Mr. S. M. Sixele.
Postmaster George Work greeted the hoys at Bistersylle, and said Triers big delegation would be here to-night. Some of the Ohio county growd are at the Jackson and others at the Blemperhassett. Mr. Rall has opened headquarters at the former hostelry and is puting in some hard licks for the sudd-

puting in some hard licks for the torial plum.

The meting is the Mesca for all the aspirants for places on the state ticket. Among those already on hand and hard at work are Messer, James K. Hall, Arnold C. Scherr and L. M. Lafolistic, candidates for auditor and S. R. Hanen, of Marshall, who aspires to the treasury portfolio. Others are expected to-night.

To-Day's Leagus Meeting.

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The first session of the league tomerow will be called to order by Acting President W. B. Kathews, in the
Auditorium theates, at 10:30 s. m. An
address of welcome will be delivered on
behalf of the city of Parkersburg by
Mayor Charles H. Turner, and he will
be followed by another local speaker,
who will second the sentiments to be
expressed by Mayor Turner. Vice President Mathews will probably respond
on behalf of the league. Next the
league will chose delegates to the Naleonal League of Republican Clubs, and
following will come appointment of the
usual committees on cradentials, resointions, etc., and then the noon recess
will be taken.

intions, etc., and their most more more will be taken.

The afternoon session will convene at \$2.50 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing term will be elected, as follows: President, vice president (one for each congressional district), secretary, treasurer and exacutive committee.

Then will come the address of the day, by United States Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, who with be introduced by West Virginiz's junter senator, Hon N. B. Scott.

The business of the meeting will be finished at the afternoon session.

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MINGO REPUBLICANS

Select Delegates to the State Conven-

Select Delegates to the State Convention—They Go Uninstructed.

Special Dispatch to the intelligencer.
WILLIAMSON, W. Va., March 7.—At a mass meeting of the Republicans of Mingo county, held in this place, there was an unexpectedly large turnout. Among the resolutions passed were those endorsing the President's policy in the Philippines and West Indies, the administration of Governor Atkinson for its clean and honest policy, and one recommending the nomination of Judge Doolittle for the supreme court.

The committee appointed to select delegates to the state convention at Charleston reported the following:
Stafford district—Delegates. A. L. Hotchison and U. S. G. Rhodes; alternates, W. A. Johnson and Alex Stafford

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Bartram, J. K. Anderson, L. L. Wine-stein and S. T. Lambert; alternates, J. L. Smith, Alvis Musick, S. J. Tank

Bartram J. K. Anderson, D. D. values atein and S. T. Lambert; alternates, J. L. Smith, Alvie Musick, S. L. Tucker and Jackson Mounts.

Lee district—Delegates, Everett Leftwich and John E. Williams; alternates, W. P. Farne and Bert Woolley.

Hardee district—Defegates, R. B. Clark and W. B. Estep: alternates, R. B. Clark and W. B. Estep: alternates, S. A. Farrell and James Chapman.

Harvey district—Delegates, Jas. Little and B. B. Goings; alternates, A. J. Spaulding and W. P. Floyd.

The report was adopted,
Dr. J. B. Bartram offered a report to the effect that the chairman and secretary be added to the delegation. H. S. White offered, as an amendment to this motion, that all Republicans of Mingo county that attend the convention in Charleston be delegates. The amendment was yoted down, and the original motion offered by Dr. Bartram was adopted. s adopted. S. T. Lambert made a motion that the

S. T. Lambert made a motion that the delegates cast the vote of Mingo county as a unit. As an amendment H. S. White offered a motion that Romeo H. Freer and A. B. White should each receive his pro rain vote of the delegates. This amendment was carried by a vote of 45 to 16.

Some of those voting for the amendment announced that they did so under a misappreheasion, upon which announcement the following motion was made by Everett Lettwich: "That the

nouncement the following motion was made by Everett Lettwich: "That the delegates go to the state convention wholly uninstructed." This motion pre-valled by an overwhelming vote.

WEST VIRGINIA MINERS

Will Get Third Increase Within Six Months.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 7 .- The operators of this region are going to make arother advance of five cents in even suggest such a course to either of the candidates, all of whom have put up a vigorous campulan, and the success that will come to one is surely deserved.

Supreme Court Judgeship.

There is considerable gossip about the two supreme court nominations to night. Ex-Congressman Warren Miller, of the Pourth district, who was mentioned in this connection, said to saight he did not desire the nomination. the mining rate, to take effect April 1

THE SEARCH FOR DEAD CONTINUES.

The Terrible Story Loses Some of Its Morrible Features Number Not So Great

NO HOPE FOR THE ENTOMBED,

Mone of Whom Are Believed to Be Alive-Mine Thought to he On Fire.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 7. The most conservative estimates place the number of killed in the Red Ash Mine disaster at between thirty and forty. Up to a late hour this afterpoon twenty-one of the victims had been re moved. Six were taken out this morn-ing all dead. If the twenty-one already taken out, fifteen were dead, and one is fatally injured. The other five no Hope for Entombed Miners.

There is absolutely no hope that any of those still in the mines are alive, and it is not improbable that it may be sev-eral days before they can be reached This is owing to the fact that the air in the mine is so very hot. It is though

that the mine may be on fire. Number Vet Unknown. that the mine may be on free.

Number Vet Unknown.

The number of victims still in the mine is as yet unknown. General fanager Howald estimates that the number in the mine at the time of the explosion was thirty-six. To-day the men who were employed by the company, but who had not entered the mine when the explosion occurred, assembled and took a tally. This fally revealed that thirty-nine men were not present to answer to their hames. This is the number which the surviving miners estimate were in the mine at the time of the explosion. The reason there were not more was because of the early hour. It was only a little after 7 when the explosion occurred, and not all of the man had yet reported. Many of them had escapes which are nothing short of providential.

One miner had intended to go to the mine shout 5 o'clock and set his tools, having secured employment elsewhere. He awakened at that hour, but it was so dark that he decided to wait till a little later. He overslept himself, and thus saved his life. Another want for him play reached the mine just as the explosion occurred.

Rescuing parties are still hard at york. Air is pumped into the shaft by comparated.

The Open Lamp Theory.

The Open Lamp Theory. Theories still vary as to the p cause of the explosion. The latest to be advanced is that the substitute mine advanced is that the substitute mine boss, who was acting in the place of his brother, carried an ordinary lamp with him, in addition to his mafety lamp, and thus failed to desect the presence of gas before it was ignited. It is said that the men frequently, against the orders of the company, would carry ordinary lamps to give themselves better light. It is thought that a great many of the victims will be found at what is known as the "Great Parting."

Crowds of People

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Several thousand people visited the scene of the explosion to-day. All day scene of the explosion to-day. All day long the crowds surged up and down the railroad track between the mouth of the mine and the village, a half mile away. As the dead were taken out they were carried to the homes of the bereft and prepared for burial. In one cottake an ared father wept over the corpses of his two sons.

The five injured men will probably be removed to hospitals in this city. Store-keeper Shirkey stated that when the explosion occurred Dr. Smith, the mine physician, was at ome sent for, and that he and several others immediately hurried across the river for more physicians.

Eye witnesses state that at the report of the explosion the women and children rushed out of their houses

port of the explosion the women and children rushed out of their houses screaming frantically. Then the ter-rible fact having dawned on them they hushed, and a stillness of death en-sued. There was not a sound in the little grief-stricken village.

THIRTY NINE MINERS

Still Entombed in Bed Ash, All Supposed to Be Dead-So far Twenty nine Bodies Have Been Taken Out, and Five Rescued Alive.

FIRE CREEK, W. Va., March 7 .-The rescuing parties continued working hard at Red Ash mine to-day, in re-moving debris and securing the bodies of the victims of the explosion of yesterday.

The scenes of distress among thos hunting their missing friends are still hunting their missing friends are still as appalling as yesterday. The work at the mine continues right and day and it is still impossible to give the exact number of the victims or to identify all of the bodies that have been secovered. The most conservative estimates of some of those connected with the mine place the number of killed at fifty-invo, and there are others who insist that the number of victims will be found to reach sixty. Six more bodies were recovered early this mouning. A report was made at the mine during the afternoon that the total number removed was twenty-one, of whom fifteen are dead, one fatally injured and five others seriously hurt.

A report from the rescues at the mine after 8 o'clock to-night was that thirty-four had been taken, twenty-nine being dead and five zeriously injured. Those rescued alive zero. Carl Downey, John L. Day. Joseph Eliott, John Kane and Harry Dawson. White the surviving miners and others estimate that there are at least thirty-nine miners entomised, General Manager Howell says there are still in the mine only thirty-six. The estimate of the latter would indicate that there were seventy klied and five layered, and it is conceded that all of those still in the mine are dead.

The following bodies of the victims of the disease; were removed from the mine to-day; estimate Valley. Valley, V as appalling as yesterday. The work at

of the desaster were removed from the mine to-day;
Smon Fitts, Neville Ramsey, Ed. Hanrich (white), ased twelve; Volley Agery, John Stons, Bob Hall, Smith Franklin, Hollister Noell, Isaac Morris, N. Davez, (colored).
The body of a white man, ns yet not locutified, was also rescued.

It is discovered that there were three

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THE ONLY ONE WHY ESCAPED

Was Electrician Evans, Who De-scrioes the Catastrop he-One Entire Family Annihilated - Miners in the Vicinity Afraid to Go to Work, Fearing Similar Dispaster.

FIRE CREEK, W. 7/a., March 7.-The

PTRE CREEK, W. Wa., March 7.—The only person who entered the mine and who is known to the see escaped cilive is Electrician Evans, who was near the entrance. In relating his experience Mr. Evans said:

"I heard o hav, symbling noise, rimined in an instant, that fire damp had exploded, and before the force of the concustion reachy of me I three singular down on my fare. A sheet of flame, rock and debris that over my head.

"I maneged to creep to the mouth and into the fresh sir. My God, it was awful. I saw (first I was the only one left. Every one, of the other fellows was lost, i knew."

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A pathetic freature of the diseaser is the annihilation of the family of B. E. Long, fire been fit wife died some time ago, leaving to his sole care two little hoys. Having no one to stay within their desolate home, the boys begged to go wiff their father into the mins to gond the day with him. He consented, wan when the escarch is finished their blinckened little bodies will be four diseases of the accident has terrified miners in adjoining localities. Very many are sirant to go to work to-day, and it will require the most searching inspection by competent men to remove their fears and induce them to reinry to their places.

TWTERRSTING SERVICES

In Honor of a Faithful Sunday School Toucher.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligenour FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 7.—The large auditorium and Sunday school guom of the Methodist Protestant church was crowded last night in honor of Miss Currie Shore, who has been a teacher in that school for forty years, and over thirty years in change of the infant department. She was the recipient of numerous gifts, and one of the pleasing foctures were about fitty let-ters from former pasters and, her schol-ars, who are now married, and have children of their own. The Ray, Dr. C. E. Wilbur, of Pitts-burgh, callor of the Sunday School Lit-

ersture, came here as a special guest of the occasion and made a touching address. Special music and light re-freshments were served.

FELL FROM AN FINGINE

And Sustained Probably Fatal Injur-

ies.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MARTINEBURG, W. Va., March 7.— Edgar Nail, a firemen on the Baltimore & Chio railroad, fell from the footboard of the tender of his engine while pass-

or the tender of any engine waite passing through the tunnel at Harper's Ferry, last night, sustaining probably fatal injuries.

He was removed to the hospital in this city, where amputation of the right shoulder joint was performed.

Death of an Astimable Lady.

Special Disputch to the Intelligencer. FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 7.—Miss Jeannette Couhran, a most estimable lady, died here this morning about 1 o'clock, of typhoid fever. Her sisters, Miss Anna of this place, and Mrs. A. W. Hollyfield, of Newark, N. J., and cousin, Miss Richardson, of Louisville, were with her when she died. The remains will be taken to Pittsburgh in the morning for burial.

Encouraging Manufactures.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., March 7,-At a meeting of the heard of trade last night a committee was appointed to raise \$500 to pay for the rent of the Brooklyn brass works, which is now in the hands of a receiver. This offer is Aart, of Pittsburgh, to re-establish the works here, with a working force of 100

TRANSFERRED

Was the Plant of the Columbus Sewer Pipe Company.

COLUMBUS, O., March 7.-The plant of the Columbus Sewer Pipe Company was transferred to the American Clay Meantracturing Company to-day, the consideration stated in the deed being \$55,000. A mortgage of \$2,500,000 was also filed by the American Clay Com-pany for record in this county.

Preparing For Extra Session.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 7,-The emogratic leaders in the legislature on the assumption that the courts will decide in favor of Democratic Governor Beckhain, are preparing for an extra session of the legislature early in May. Governor Beckham, it is said, deter-mined that the fate of the McChord bill, passed in the house to-day, should decide whether or not an extra session only passed in the more covery, stoud decide whether or not an extra session should be called. The passage of the bill, the leaders say, indicates that all party measures can be passed and therefore assures an extra session.

Big Coal Shipments.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7 .-- About PITTEBURGH, Pa., March 7.—About 1,200,000 bushels of coal started for southern ports to-day. All of this coal is billed for Lewisville and New Orleans. Cheinnait and points above are well stocked at present. An expirential former own when all the coal loaded in the harbor will be shipped south.

A New Brick Combine.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7 .- A new brick combine was formed here to-day with State Senater Wm. Pilon as the prime mover. It is said that eighteen out of the twenty-four blok-making concerns in western Pennsylvania have joined in the movement. A charter has been applied for the company, which will be capitalized at \$3,00,000, and have a capacity of \$0,000,000 brick a year,

THE HASTY OF BOERS

m Beberts' Front-They Betlied Befese Him in Great Confusion.

CRONJE GOES TO ST. HELENA

English Cabinet Will Not at Present Entertain Proposals for Exchange of Prisoners

LONDON, March 8, 4 a. m. - Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Osfentein and in the evening from Popan application of the elementary principles of strategy the Boer po offeen miles long across his path, have been emptied and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion consequent upon hasty withdrawal.

Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry and the deadly ingenuity of the Boer treaches in front He marched out infantry estimated from the commands named at 20,000 men, and sent 10,000 horsemen and horse artillery in a bold sweep to the Boar left, whereupon the Boar centre and right became untenable. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

The Boer Strength.

The correspondents differ as to the enemyle strength. The Daily Mail's representative thinks the Boers number something more than 4,000. The Delly News man estimates them at 16,000. As these figures come from observars at headquarters it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 inmediately available, as the guards brigade reached him from Lord Methuen Tuesday.

Lord Methuen new commands only volunteers and the local forces at Kimherley, some of whom have gue toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to appreciate the mobility of Lord Roberts' corps, which was able to strike so swiftly in this affair that the enemy had to abandon a gun, much forege and a large quantity of camp equippage.

A Note of Gastion. representative thinks the Boers num

A Note of Castion.

The Standard cautions Englishmen against "rising to a height of serene contentment, which the actual position does not justify," and thus measures the

"A large number of the Boers are still in the field. They have a wide range of country over which they can operate. Although their morale is somewhat damaged, it would be too much to-say that they will not stand again, for it is only in a real stand again, for it is only in a real stand-up fight that we can inflict those losses which would eventually lead the defeated to sue for peace. Lord Roberts has gained a success, but it must not be regarded as a signal victory until we know what damage has been inflicted and what prisoners have been taken."

The Dutch risings in the northwestern districts of Cape Colony are the only cloudet visible in the sky of British prospects.

Cronie to Go to St. Helena.

The military authorities have de eided that General Cronje and the other Boer prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St. Helent, there to remain until the end of the war.

remain until the end of the war.

Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathhurst colonel of a militia regiment at
the front, to command the escort to St.
Helena, which was last month placed
in cable communication with Gape
Town and London.
It is also esserted that the cabinet
has resolved neither to propose nor to
entertain a proposal at the present
juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

A COMPLETE ROUTE

Boers Driven in Confusion From Strong Position.

LONDON, March 7, midnight—The war office has just posted the following styless from Lord Roberts: "Poplar Grove, Wednesday, March 7 evening.—We had a very successful

day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat. "The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cumulagly ranged with a second line of intrench-

ments, which would have caused us heavy losses had a direct attack been The turning movement was he The turning movement was neces-sarily wide, owing to the mathre of the ground, and the cayalry and horse ar-tillary horses are much done up.

"The Sighting was practically confined to the cayalry division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well, and Gen. French reports that the horse utilities batter-ies did great execution among the renemy.

regret to say that Lieutenant Keswick was killed and Lieutenant Balley was severally wounded, both of the Twaffth Lancers. Lieutenant De Crengian, of the Second Life Guards, was severely wounded. Remaining casualities will be relegraphed to-morrow.

"Generals Dewet and Delarey commanded the Boer forces."

BOER COMMANDO

Of Three Thousand Offered to Surrender.

LONDON, March 7.-A dispatch to the Times from Osfontein dated Tues-

day, March 6, says: "A commando of 3,000 Boers has of-fored to surrender, but on impossible terms. inrms. "General Cronje's losses were greater than he admitted. Sixty bodies of Boers have been found in one grave."

Weather Forecast.

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For Otto-Fair Thursday; warmer in northwestern portion; partly cloudy and warmer Friday; variable winds.

For Western Pennsylvania-Pair Thursday; fair Friday; warmer; whilable winds.

For West Virgitia-Pair Thursday and Priday; warmer Friday; winds becoming southeasterly.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: